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#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	§	
Mar Tormo	§	
Ana M. Tari	§	
Gabriel Lopez-Berestein	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 1805
Serial No. 08/726,211	§	-
	§	Examiner: R. Schwartzman
Filed: October 4, 1996	§	
	§	Atty. Dkt.: UTXC:504/COD
For: INHIBITION OF BCL-2 PROTEIN	§	•
EXPRESSION BY LIPOSOMAL	§	
ANTISENSE	§	
OLIGODEOXYNUCLEOTIDES	§	

#### DECLARATION OF GABRIEL LOPEZ-BERESTEIN AND ANA M. TARI UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

WE, DR. GABRIEL LOPEZ-BERESTEIN AND DR. ANA M. TARI DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. We, along with Dr. Mar Tormo, are co-inventors of the subject matter of the captioned patent application USSN 08/726,211.
- 2. It is our understanding that the Examiner in charge of the captioned application has rejected claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 as being anticipated by the abstract of Tormo *et al.* abstract #1190, *Proceedings of the American Association for Cancer Research*, vol. 37 pg 173, March 1996, and has rejected claims 1 and 2 as anticipated by the abstract of Almazan et al. abstract #2407, *Proceedings of the American Association for Cancer Research*, vol. 37 pg 353, March 1996.

- 3. Our invention was made and tested in this country prior to March 1996 and thus prior to the publication of the cited abstracts.
- 4. The fact that our invention was made and tested in this country prior to March of 1996 is evidenced by studies set forth in the attached notebook pages 280-288 of the laboratory notebook of Mar Tormo. Among other things, this notebook sets forth the following studies which exemplify the practice of our invention:
- a) measurement of expression of Bcl-2 in Johnson, Daudi, Raji and Jurkat cells (p.
   280);
- b) a test of growth inhibition of the cell lines with liposomal AS (antisense), C (control) and B<sub>2</sub> oligonucleotides (p. 280-281);
- c) graphs depicting apoptotic index of cells and cell density after treatment with control and antisense oligonucleotides (p. 282);
- d) a repeat of the study of measurement of expression of Bcl-2 in Johnson, Daudi, Raji and Jurkat cells (p. 282-283);
- e) growth inhibition studies of Johnson, Daudi, Raji and Jurkat cells in the presence of antisense and control liposomal oligonucleotides.

Each of items a) through e) as represented in the attached notebook were carried out in this country prior to March 1, 1996.

5. All statements made in this Declaration of my own knowledge are true and all statements made in this Declaration on information and belief are believed to be true, and these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

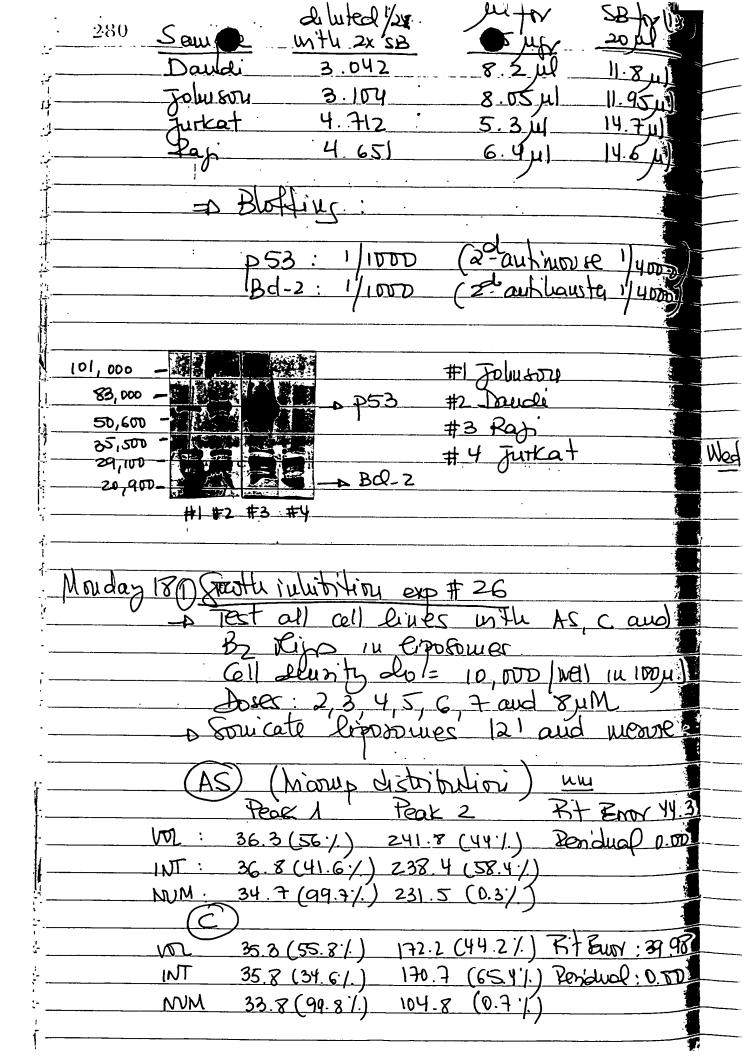
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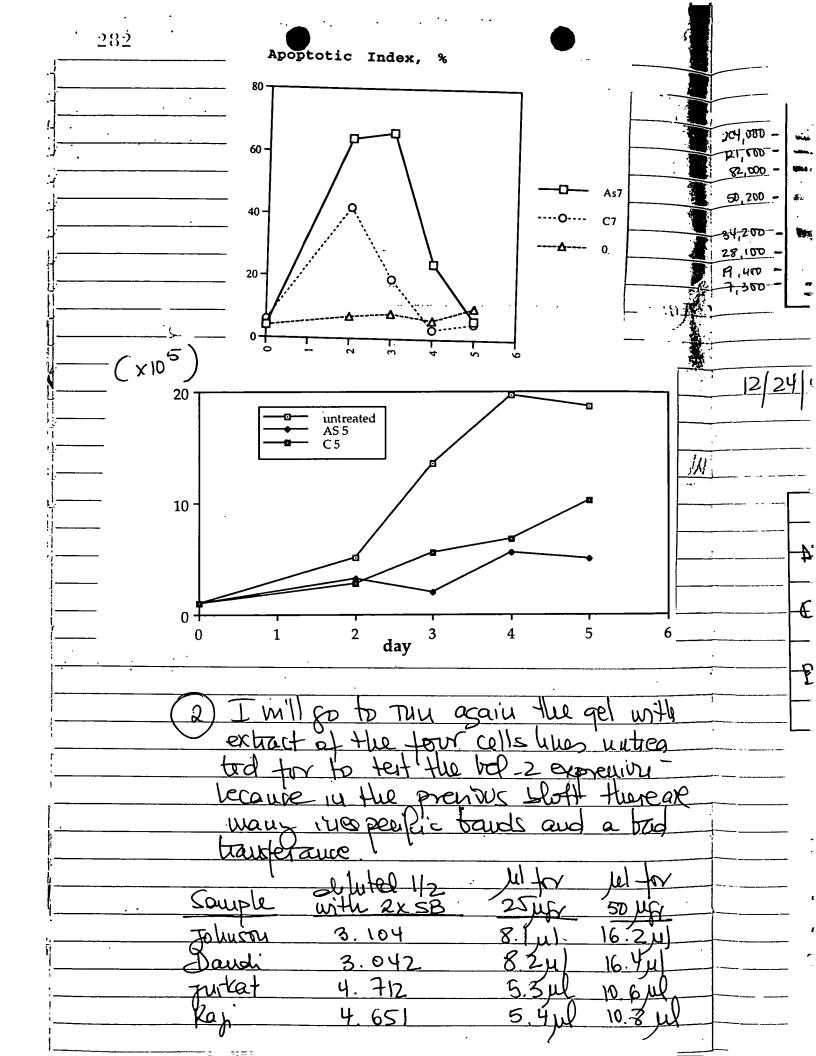
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